Pak derogatory statement about India

2805. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the Foreign Officer of Pakistan calling India the sick man of Asia and referring to Indian Muslim as rootless citizens as published in the Observer of February 10, 1994;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the language and content of the statement is unacceptable and that such inflammatory statements by the Government of Pakistan vitiate the atmosphere of bilateral relations.

Details of extradition treaties finalised with foreign countries

2806. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Extradition Treaties finalised by India with other countries;

(b) whether these have come into force;

(c) if not, what are the details of those treaties which are yet to be made effective;

(d) whether there is any plan to finalise such treaties with other countries also; and

(e) if so, whether Union Home Minister visited USA, Canada, Germany to sign the Extradition Treaties with those countries on the lines of Indo British extradition Treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) We have signed extradition treaties with Bhutan, Belgium, Canada, Nepal, Netherlands, Uganda, U.K and USA. The treaties are in force:

(d) Yes, Sir. At present efforts are being made by the Government to finalise extradition treaties with Hong Kong, Germany, UAE, France and a new Treaty with USA.

(e) An extradition treaty was signed with Canada in 1987 which is in force. Extradition Treaty with Germany has been finalised at the technical level. This will now be submitted to the respective Governments for their approval. Negotiations are still in progress with USA.

Custom officers abetting fake passport Holders

2807. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Custom Officers are abetting fake passport holders in travelling on fake passport;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases detected during the last three years;

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent such incidents;

(d) what is the number of persons who have so far used fake passports and were deported by other countries; and

(e) what is the number of such persons who were connected with the terrorist activities?